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characters

■ Kuroyukihime = Umesato Junior High School student council vice president. Trim and clever girl who has it all. Her background is shrouded in mystery. Her in-school avatar is a spangled butterfly she programmed herself. Her duel avatar is the Black King, "Black Lotus."

■ Haruyuki = Haruyuki Arita. Grade Seven at Umesato Junior High School. Bullied, on the pudgy side. He's good at games but is shy. His in-school avatar is a pink pig. His duel avatar is Silver Crow.

■ Chiyuri = Chiyuri Kurashima. Haruyuki's childhood friend. A meddling, energetic girl. Her in-school avatar is a silver cat.

■ Takumu = Takumu Mayuzumi. A boy Haruyuki and Chiyuri have known since childhood. Good at kenda. His duel avatar is Cyan Pile.



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key words

■ Neurolinker = A portable terminal that connects with the brain via a wireless quantum connection, and which supports all five senses with enhanced images, sounds, and other stimulus.

■ Brain Burst = Neurolinker application sent to Haruyuki by Kuroyukihime.

■ Duel avatar = Player's virtual self, operated when fighting in Brain Burst.

■ Burst points = Points required to use the power of acceleration. To obtain them, players must win duels against other duel avatars. If a player loses all their points, Brain Burst is forcefully uninstalled.

■ Legion = Groups, composed of many duel avatars, with the objective of expanding occupied areas and securing rights. The Seven Kings of Pure Color act as the Legion Masters.

■ In-school local net = Local area network established within Umesato Junior High School. Used during classes and to check attendance. Umesato students are required to always be connected to it.

■ Global connection = Connection with the worldwide net. Global connections are forbidden on Umesato Junior High School grounds, where the in-school local net is provided instead.



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CHAPTER

#09





▶ GAME SET ◀

YOU WIN!!

WINNER ▶
CYAN · PILE
SILVER · CROW

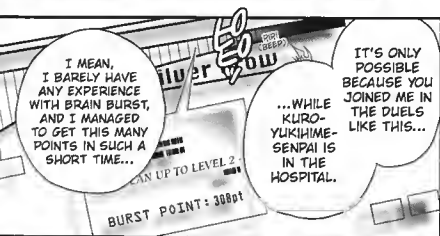
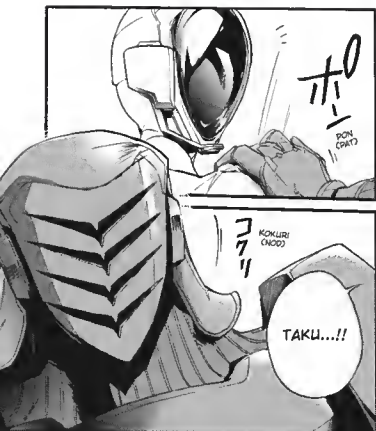


You can now level up.

BURST POINTS: 298 → 308pt

R-I-I-G-H-T!!

ALL...







I...
I CAN'T
BELIEVE
I FORGOT
TO TELL YOU
THE MOST
IMPORTANT
THING...

SORRY...
I'M SORRY,
HARU...!!



...YOU
SHOULDN'T
LEVEL UP
RIGHT
AWAY...

THIS IS
THE ONE
THING THAT
I ABSOLUTELY
HAD TO
REMEMBER
TO TELL
YOU...!!

THIS IS
THE ONE
THING...

EVEN
IF YOU
GET ENOUGH
POINTS TO
LEVEL UP...



I
WAS SO
EXCITED,
I GOT
CARRIED
AWAY....!!

JUST
GETTING
TO THREE
HUNDRED
POINTS...

THERE'S
STILL A WAY
TO COME
BACK FROM
THIS.

IT'S
OKAY,
HARU!!



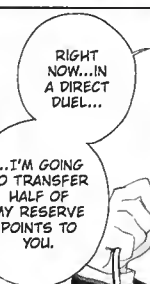
IF I'M
CHALLENGED
TO A DUEL
AND I LOSE
NOW...

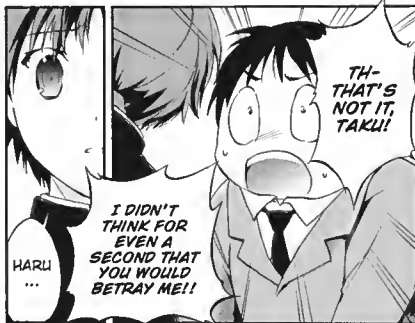
...MY POINTS
WILL DROP
TO ZERO
AND BRAIN
BURST WILL
BE UNIN-
STALLED.

I WOULD
HAVE KNOWN
THAT IF I HAD
JUST THOUGHT
ABOUT IT FOR
A MINUTE....!!

TAKU...
I WAS AN
IDIOT...

WHICH
IS WHY
TAKU
TOOK MY
LINKER...









...SAVED ME
FROM THAT
OUT-OF-
CONTROL
CAR...

...BY
USING THE
PHYSICAL
FULL BURST
COMMAND.

HER
POINTS
BALANCE
MUST BE
PRETTY
PRECARIOUS
TOO...



BUT
SHE...

AND EVEN
IF I HAD
SAID WE
SHOULD...

...SHE NEVER
ONCE TOLD
ME TO SHARE
MY POINTS
WITH HER.

...I KNOW
SHE
WOULD'VE
GOTTEN
CRAZY
ANGRY...!!



.....



KURO-
YUKIHIME-
SENPAI...!!

THANK YOU,
HARUYUKI-
KUN...

I'M GLAD
I CHOSE
YOU.

FROM THE
BOTTOM OF
MY HEART...

BUT...
SENPAI...

I MEAN,
BLACK
LOTUS...



I UNDER-
STAND,
HARU.

.....
.....

...WANT TO
LIVE LIKE
HER...

...AT
LEAST AS
A BURST
LINKER...
I...

WHEN
IT COMES
TO LEVEL OR
STRENGTH OR
EXPERIENCE,
I CAN'T EVEN
BEGIN TO
COMPARE
TO HER...

BUT...



HA!
HA!
NAH,
DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
IT.

Oh! No...
S-sorry.

AND AS
ALWAYS, YOU'RE
SO STUBBORN
ONCE YOU
DECIDE SOME-
THING.



THE ISSUE
IS...WHEN
YOUR POINT
BALANCE IS IN
DANGER...

...THE
PRESSURE
CALLS UP AN
UNCONSCIOUS
PANIC...

IT'S TRUE
THAT EVEN IF
I DID TRANSFER
JUST THE
BAREST
MINIMUM OF
POINTS...

...IT WOULDN'T
RESOLVE
THE BASIC
PROBLEM.

BEFORE,
I SAID THAT
WE'D FIGHT
LIKE OUR LIVES
WERE ON THE
LINE, BUT...

...THAT'S
HONESTLY
REALLY
HARD TO
DO...

PANIC
TAKES AWAY
YOUR ABILITY TO
DEAL WITH THE
SITUATION.

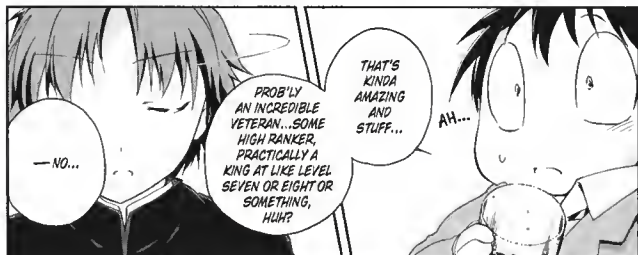
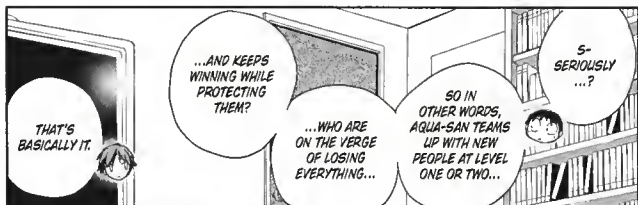
IF YOU
PANIC...YOUR
FIELD OF VIEW
IN DUELS GETS
NARROWER.

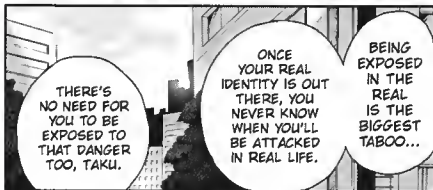














I DON'T HAVE ANY CHOICE BUT TO PAY THAT PRICE GIVEN THAT I'M ON THE VERGE OF LOSING EVERYTHING, BUT YOU'RE DIFFERENT.

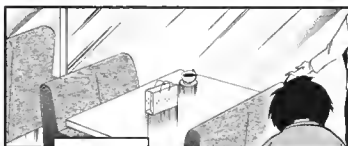




AND
SOME-
WHERE
IN HERE
IS...

...AQUA
CURRENT
...?

THE CAFE
TAKES UP
THE ENTIRE
TOP FLOOR...



A TABLE
FOR TWO
NEAR THE
WINDOW.

SOME-
ONE'S
SHOPPING
BAG AND
A STILL-
WARM
COFFEE.



GOOD
AFTER-
NOON.

NO...
HE'S NOT
NECES-
SARILY
IN THE
CAFE.
PROBABLY
IMPOS-
SIBLE TO
PIN HIM
DOWN...

ANY-
WAY...
JUST
LIKE
IN THE
MAIL...

I'M
MEETING
SOMEONE
AT TABLE
NUMBER
SEVEN-
TEEN..

UM.





AND TAKU SAID THAT...

...NOT A SINGLE ONE OF THE LINKERS AQUA CURRENT PROTECTED WAS HIT WITH A REAL ATTACK LATER...

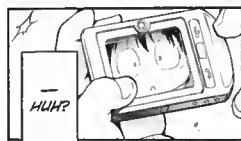
ACTUALLY, IF THERE WAS EVEN ONE CASE LIKE THAT...

...PROBABLY NO ONE ELSE WOULD EVER ASK HIM TO BE THEIR BODYGUARD.

AT THE VERY LEAST... I DON'T GET THE FEELING HE'S DOING ANYTHING EVIL IN AN EASY-TO-UNDERSTAND WAY...



A-A
GIRL...!?

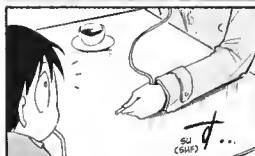






SHE'S KINDA
MYSTERIOUS
SOMEHOW...

SHE'S
MAYBE
ONE OR
TWO YEARS
OLDER
THAN ME...



SU
(SHIP)



Huh?
Um...

KACHI
(CHAK)

カチ

Um...



RIGHT...
SHE...

...SHE
REMINDS ME
OF KURO-
YUKIHIME-
SENPAI
SOMEHOW...

KACHI

カチ



Uh...

...you are a genuine klutz.

—Or...



—Right now...

...and you deliberately ran into me in order to crack me in the real.

You are an impostor who is an extremely good actor...

...I am considering two possibilities.



How can I prove that to you...

The second one, without a doubt.



If that's true...I can understand to a certain extent.

...and I sort of hit the level-up button in some kind of trance...

...Is because I kinda lost it when my points reached three hundred...

Let's see...I don't have any proof of this either, but...

...the reason my point balance is in serious danger...



SFX: TERE (BLUSH) TERE





O-Okay!



Thank you...
I'm Silver
Crow!!



You can
call me
Curren.

Um...
Aqua
Current-
san.

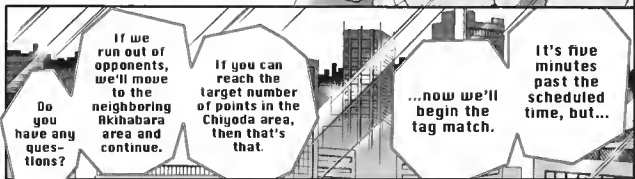
Oh...
That
reminds
me...

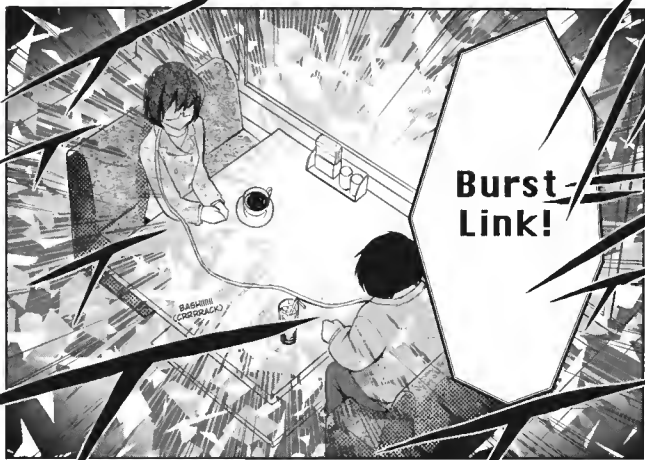


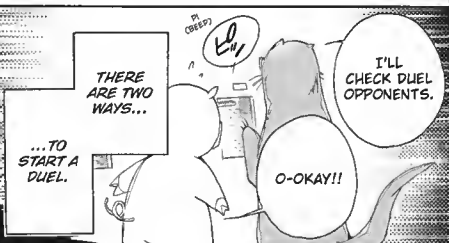
I'm Aqua
Current.

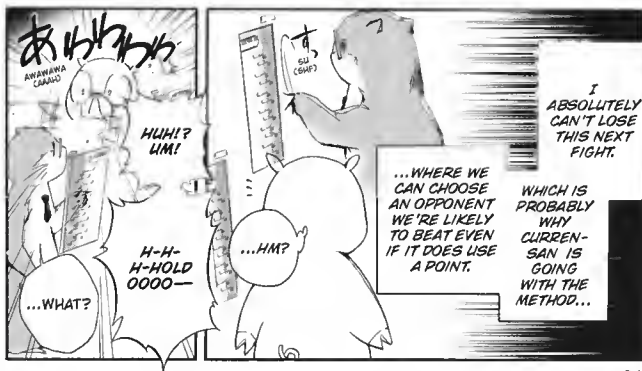
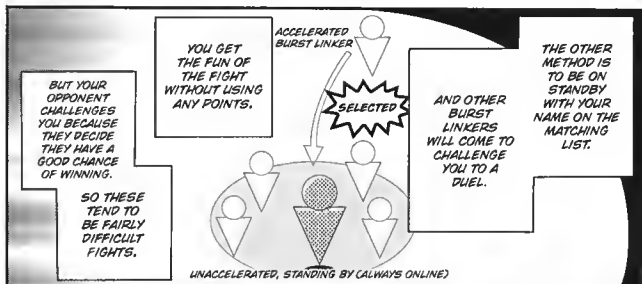
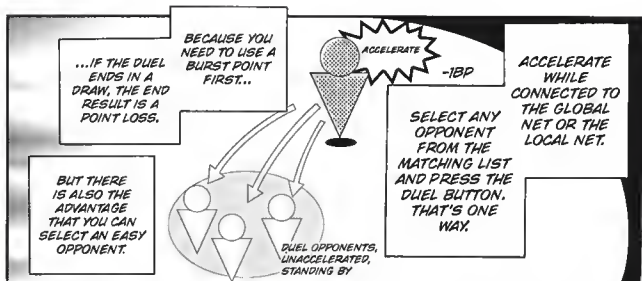
...until
your points
balance
recovers to
the minimum
safe zone—
fifty points.

As per
the contract,
I will guard
you...

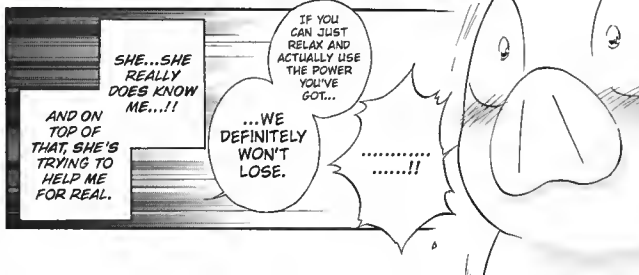
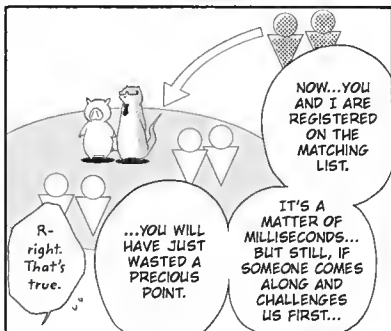


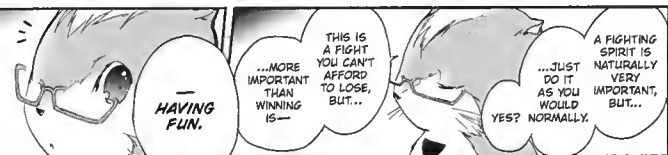


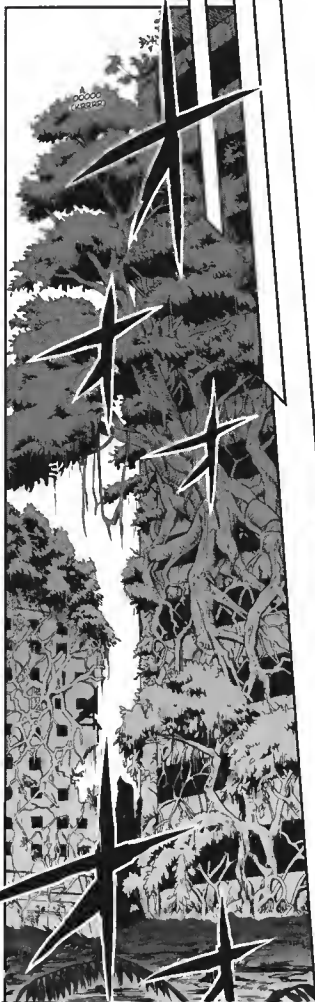












A STAGE
COVERED IN
ROTTEN TREES
AND POISON
SWAMPS.

CORROSIVE
FOREST...

CHAPUN
(GURBLE)

SHI
CSHIF

WYUN
CWWP

ちや
びん

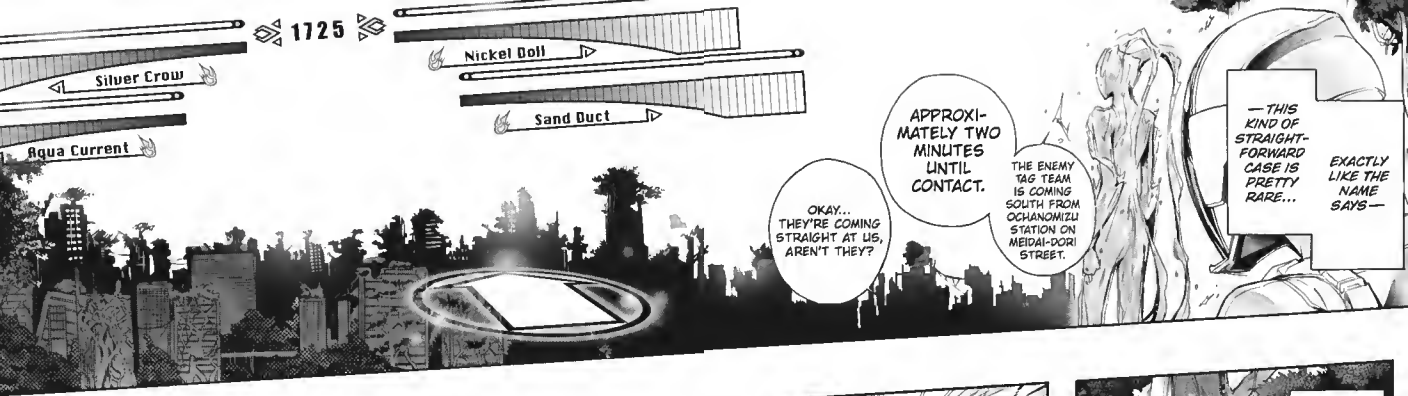
FUA
CAAO

ふあ

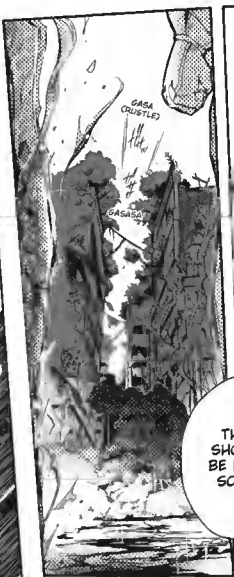
AQUA:
WATER.

CURRENT:
FLOW...

CLEAR,
FLOWING
WATER,
RUNNING
ENDLESSLY
OVER HER
BODY...



SORRY TO
KEEP YOU
WAAAAAII-
ING!!



THEY
SHOULD
BE HERE
SOON.



WHAT
KIND
OF...

SO THE
LEVEL FOUR
IS NICKEL
DOLL AND
THE LEVEL
THREE IS
SAND
DUCT?



OKAY...
THEY'RE COMING
STRAIGHT AT US,
AREN'T THEY?

APPROXI-
MATELY TWO
MINUTES
UNTIL
CONTACT.

THE ENEMY
TAG TEAM
IS COMING
SOUTH FROM
OGHANOMIZU
STATION ON
MEIDAI-DORI
STREET.



— THIS
KIND OF
STRAIGHT-
FORWARD
CASE IS
PRETTY
RARE...

EXACTLY
LIKE THE
NAME
SAYS—



THERE'S
AN EFFECT
APPLIED TO
HER VOICE,
AND SHE
DOESN'T TALK
PARTICULARLY
GIRLISH OR
BOYISH.

I REALLY
CAN'T..GET
A SENSE
OF HER
GENDER
NOW.

WE'LL
GO
DOWN.

O-O-KAY!



TA-
DA!
♪

...DUEL
OPPO-
NENTS
—!!

TH-
THESE
ARE
OUR...

Chapter

#10



SORRY
TO KEEP
YOU
WAAAAAIT-
ING!!

...OR.



I-I'M
SORRY!

IT'S
TOTALLY
NOOOOOO
FAIR!!

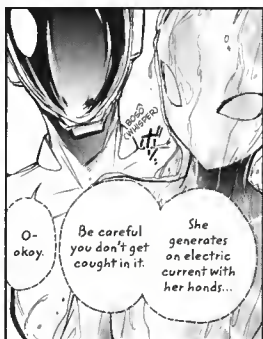
YOU'RE
THE ONES
WHO BARGED
IN ON US,
AND THEN YOU
WAIT FOR US
TO MOVE...



THAT'S
WHAT I'D
LIKE TO
SAY, BUT!



SIGN: TOKYO STATION/KANABASHI



...WE'LL HAVE
TO BREAK UP
YOUR LITTLE
STRATEGY
MEETING
NOW....!!

SORRY,
BUT...

**SAND
BLAST!!**

BA
(CLAP)

!!



SCRATCHES
LIKE FROM
SANDPAPER...

WHAT!?



ARE THERE
LITTLE
PARTICLES
OF SAND IN
THAT WIND!?



JARI
(GRIND)

HOT...!!

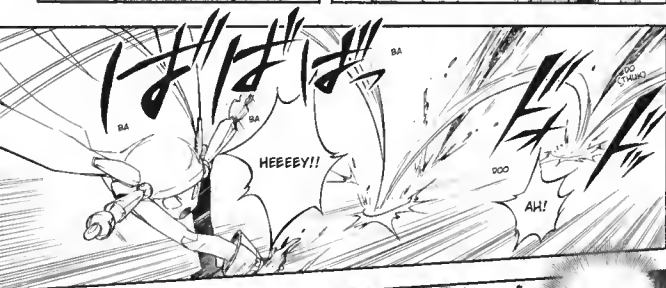


AH.
WHERE'S
CURRENT-
SAN...!?

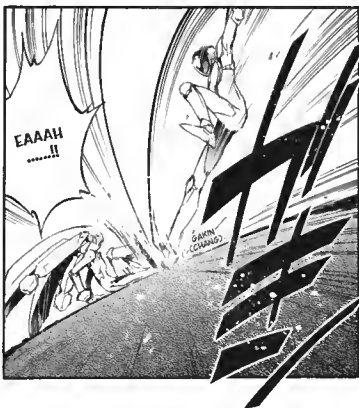
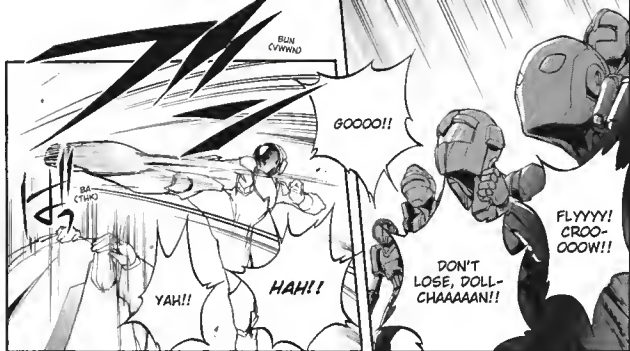


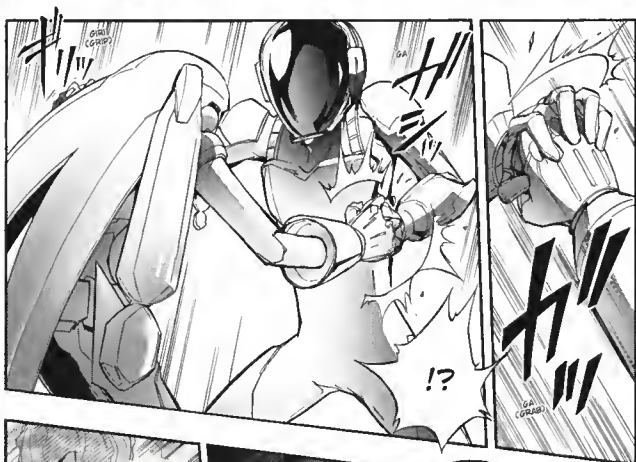
—
PARTICLE-
TYPE
ATTACKS
...

...DON'T
WORK
ON ME.

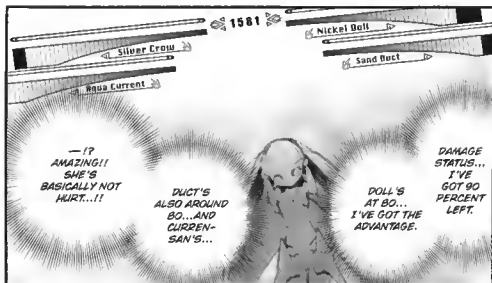














WE JOIN UP, AND WE'LL BE, LIKE, THE TALK OF THE ACCELERATED WORLD, Y'KNOW?

LOOK... WE'VE EVEN GOT THE SAME COLOR SKIN. ♡



WE JOIN UP, AND WE'LL BE, LIKE, THE TALK OF THE ACCELERATED WORLD, Y'KNOW?

LOOK... WE'VE EVEN GOT THE SAME COLOR SKIN. ♡

I MEAN, HE'S ALL SCRAPEY.

AND... THE TRUTH IS... I DON'T LIKE THAT SAND DUDE.

I MEAN, HE'S ALL SCRAPEY.

AND... THE TRUTH IS... I DON'T LIKE THAT SAND DUDE.

1/20

PACHIN (TWINKLE)

WHAT ...!?

IF YOU DO,
I'LL LEND
YOU HOW-
EVER MANY
POINTS
YOU
NEED.

HOW
ABOUT
YOU
JOIN
US?

1/20

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YOU HOW-
EVER MANY
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YOU
NEED.

HOW
ABOUT
YOU
JOIN
US?

[illegible]

BIKU (SHUDDER)

TSU
TSU
TSU

!?

SU (GHE)

LIKE, YOUR SKIN'S...

...ALL SOFT AND SMOOTH. ♡

BUT LOOOOK.

TSUN (SSP)

SOO (SHH)

A black and white manga panel depicting a scene from 'The Idolmaster'. On the right, a character named Tsun, wearing a futuristic, form-fitting suit with a helmet and a visor, stands with her hands clasped. She has a small speech bubble above her head saying "SU (SHF)". To her left, another character's hand is reaching out to touch her arm. This character has several speech bubbles: one saying "BIKU (CHURORO)", another saying "!! TSU TSU TSU !!", and a larger one saying "...ALL SOFT AND SMOOTH. ♡". A third character in the background has a speech bubble saying "!?". The overall style is typical of anime/manga art, with dynamic lines and expressive characters.

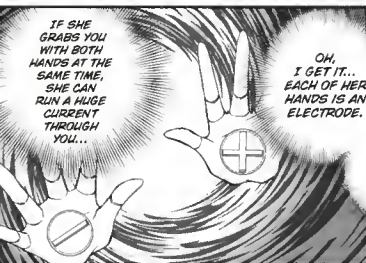
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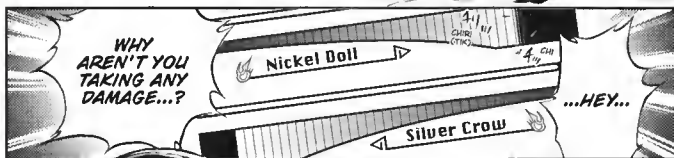
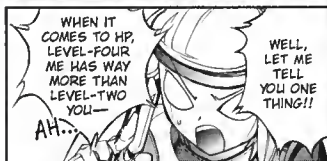


N-NO
FAIR WITH
SURPRISE
ATTACKS!!

S-SHE
WAS
TEASING
ME!!







Precious metals
such as gold and silver:
Strong against unique
attacks

Heavy metals
such as iron and copper:
Strong against physical
attacks

UH-HUH,
UH-HUH.

EVEN AMONG THE
METAL COLORS,
THEY EACH HAVE
THEIR OWN
CHARACTERISTICS
DEPENDING ON
THE TYPE OF
METAL.

Ag^+

IN OTHER
WORDS, IT'S
WAY STRONG
AGAINST
POISON
ATTACKS.

SILVER
IONS HAVE A POWER-
FUL ANTI-
BACTERIAL
PROPERTY.

WHAT?
WHY IS
THAT?

OOO
CYAAAO

...WAS TO
PUT ME OFF
GUARD AND
DRAG ME INTO
A SITUATION
LIKE THIS,
HUH?

THE
REASON
YOU WERE
AVOIDING
THE SWAMP
THIS WHOLE
TIME...

HMPH...
I GET
IT.

NICKEL'S ALSO A
METAL COLOR, SO SHE
SHOULD HAVE SOME
POISON RESISTANCE,
BUT...NOTHING ON
THE LEVEL OF
SILVER.

SILVER
CROW'S GOT
THE ADVANTAGE
IN HAND-TO-
HAND COMBAT
IN A POISON
SWAMP.

...TREATING
NICKEL LIKE
FAKE SILVER...
DOESN'T WORK
LIKE THAT.

BUT,
LIKE...

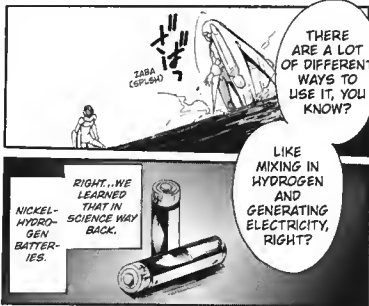
AND YOU ARE
WAY OVER ON
THE LEFT END
OF THE METAL
CHART TOO...



THAT MUST
BE THE
BACKBONE
OF NICKEL
DOLL'S
ELECTRIC
ATTACK
ABILITY.

...HAS A
BUNCH OF
PROPERTIES
OTHER THAN
ANTIBACTERIAL
ABILITY, YOU
KNOW.

AND,
LIKE... THAT
SILVER OF
YOURS...



THERE
ARE A LOT
OF DIFFERENT
WAYS TO
USE IT, YOU
KNOW?

LIKE
MIXING IN
HYDROGEN
AND
GENERATING
ELECTRICITY,
RIGHT?

RIGHT...WE
LEARNED
THAT IN
SCIENCE WAY
BACK.

NICKEL-
HYDRO-
GEN
BATTER-
IES.



...RIGHT
NOW—

—I'LL
TEACH YOU
ABOUT
THEM...

**ANODE
CATHODE!!**



AND
THE MORE
IMPURITIES
WATER HAS,
THE BETTER
AN ELECTRICAL
CONDUCTOR IT
IS...I DIDN'T
THINK THIS
THROUGH!!

OH
RIGHT...!! IT
MIGHT BE A
POISONOUS
SWAMP, BUT
THE MAIN
INGREDIENT
IS STILL
WATER!

BUT...
IN THIS
SITUATION...

...NICKEL DOLL
SHOULDN'T BE
ABLE TO ESCAPE
DAMAGE FROM
THE ELECTRIC
ATTACK SHE'S
GENERATING
HERSELF...!?

NGGH
—!!

EVEN
EXPOSED TO
THE SAME
ELECTRICAL
CURRENT...
YOU'RE THE
ONE TAKING
WAY MORE
DAMAGE!!

HEH-
WEH-WEH...
LOOK HARD
AT OUR HP
GAUGES.

!?



OOOO
OOOO

ZAN
ONISHO

FLYYYYYYY!!



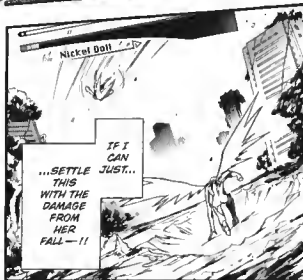
GOO
(KRR)

TAKE
THIIIS!!

AH...!!

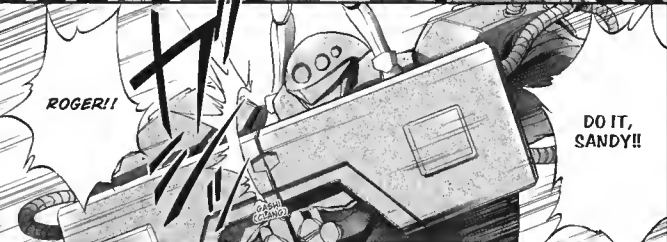
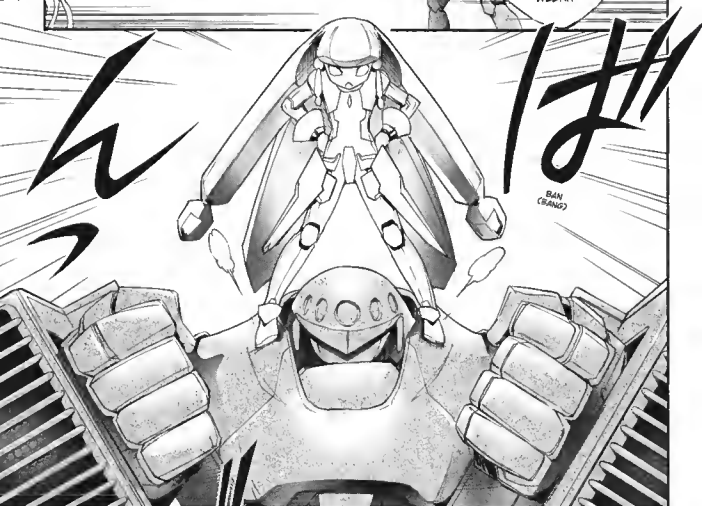
**DIVE
ATTACK!!!**

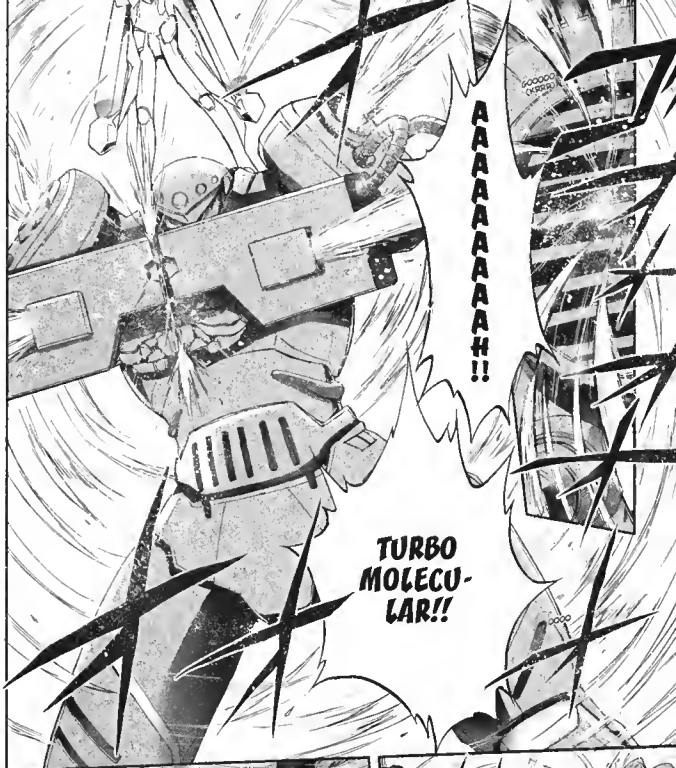
DON
CWHARD











AAAAAAAAAH!!

**TURBO
MOLECULAR!!**



...WHAT'S
THE POINT OF
BLOWING ON
THE RIGHT
AND SUCKING
ON THE
LEFT...?

UH-
HUH...
BUT...

THE
RIGHT
SEEMS TO
BE THE
EXHAUST
AND THE
LEFT THE
INTAKE.

THAT
AIR
FLOW...



!!



BARU
(CRACKLED)

BARU

BARU

BARU

NO NEED
TO BE
AFRAID.

THERE'S
NO ATTACK
POWER IN THE
WIND ITSELF...
IT'LL JUST
MAKE IT A
CLOSE-RANGE
FIGHT.

OH...
I GUESS
SO.

**ANODE
CATHODE!!**

HNGAAAAAH!!

BARU

BARU

BARU



GLOW
DISCHARGE...



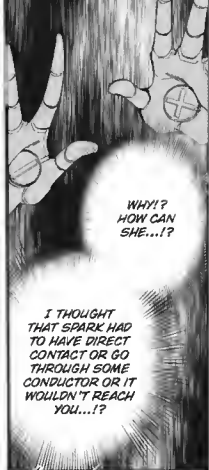
YOU
REALLY
KNOW YOUR
STUFF,
BOUNCER-
SAN!

HEH
HEH

...THE
INSULATION
BETWEEN THE
ELECTRODES IS
DESTROYED, AND
THE CURRENT
FLOWS THROUGH
THE AIR.

IN
PRESSURES
CLOSE TO
VACUUM
LOWS...

!?



WHY!?
HOW CAN
SHE...!?

I THOUGHT
THAT SPARK HAD
TO HAVE DIRECT
CONTACT OR GO
THROUGH SOME
CONDUCTOR OR IT
WOULDN'T REACH
YOU...!?



FIRST
PUBLIC
APPEARANCE
IN THIS
PLACE...
WHADDAYA
THINK?

IT'S
ME AND
SANDY'S
ULTRA-
GORGEOUS
COMBO
ATTACK!



...AM I
GOING TO
LOSE?

LOSE...
HAVE MY
POINTS
TAKEN...



MY LIFE
GAUGE IS...
GRADUALLY
DECREASING
...!!

PURPLE
OLD LADY?
WHO'S...
THAT...
CRAP!!



NNGH...

...BUT
IT STILL
WORKS
PRETTY
GOOD,
HUH?

IT
MIGHT NOT
BE ON THE
SAME LEVEL
AS THAT OLD
PURPLE LADY'S
SUPER HIGH
VOLTAGE ARC
DISCHARGE...



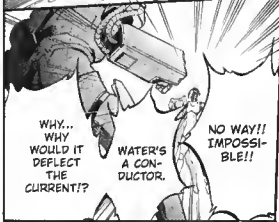
CURREN-
SAN...?

YOU'RE
FINE.



...I'M GOING
TO CHARGE
AHEAD AND
GO DOWN
FIGHTING—

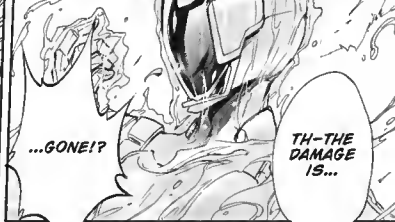
I WON'T LET
IT END LIKE
THIS...EVEN
IF I'M GOING
TO LOSE...



WHY...
WHY
WOULD IT
DEFLECT
THE
CURRENT!?

WATER'S
A CON-
DUCTOR.

NO WAY!!
IMPOSSI-
BLE!!



...GONE!?

TH-THE
DAMAGE
IS...



THE PURE
WATER OF
THEORY.

IN MY
WATER...
THERE
IS NOT A
SINGLE
IMPURITY.



ELECTRIC
ATTACKS DO
NOT WORK
ON ME.

WATER
WITH ZERO
IMPURITIES IS
ESSENTIALLY
A PERFECT
INSULATOR.



A
R
R
R
R
R
G
H
!!

IF THIS
IS THE
WAY IT IS,
THEN
—!!

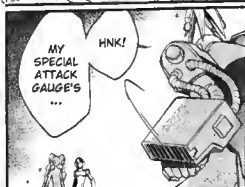


THAT'S A
NICE TRICK,
DOLL. AND
DUCT.

YOU'VE
SHOWN ME
WHAT I
NEEDED
TO SEE.

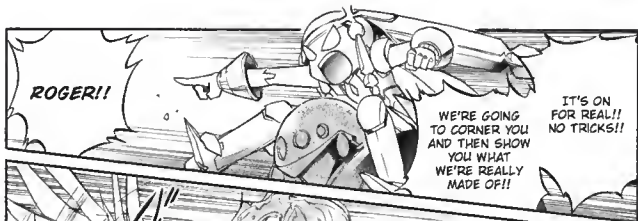


AH!



MY
SPECIAL
ATTACK
GAUGE'S
...

HNK!



ROGER!!

WE'RE GOING
TO CORNER YOU
AND THEN SHOW
YOU WHAT
WE'RE REALLY
MADE OF!!

IT'S ON
FOR REAL!!
NO TRICKS!!



BASA
(CLAP)

O
K
A
Y
!!

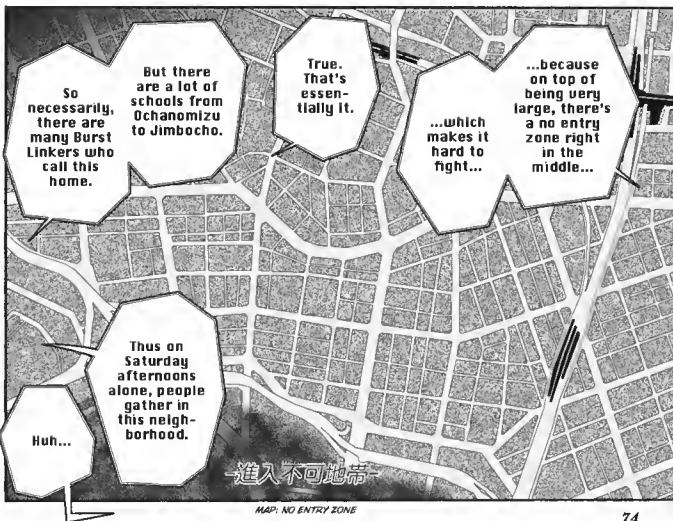
LET'S
GO,
CROW!

JUST
WHAT WE
WERE
HOPING
FOR.



KA
(SKRR)







O-oh!
I get
it...

...because
in the worst
case scenario,
I could have
you flee to the
other side of
the no-entry
zone.

I chose
this place
today...



So then is
your home
here too,
Curren-
san?



I HAVE SO
MUCH MORE
TO LEARN...
MY ROAD AS A
BURST LINKER
IS STILL
ONLY JUST
BEGINNING.

BUT I
CAN'T JUST
SIT BACK
AND BE
HAPPY WITH
THAT.

MY POINTS
ARE BACK
IN THE SAFE
RANGE, AND
I'M OUT OF
THE WOODS.

I SEE...FOR
VETERANS, THE
FIGHT'S ALREADY
STARTED WITH
THE SELECTION
OF THE AREA.



Curren-san,
really, thank
you for
today.

You're
welcome.

—But...



U-um.
I have a
friend
waiting
nearby.

He's
probably
worried,
so I should
maybe get
going...



FIRST, I
HAVE TO GET
UP TO LEVEL
FOUR WHERE
TAKU'S
WAITING—
OH!!

RIGHT!!
TAKU...!!



There's
still one
more
thing...

Huh?

...I have
to get
from you.

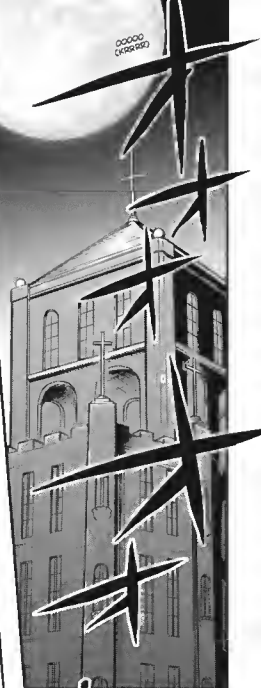
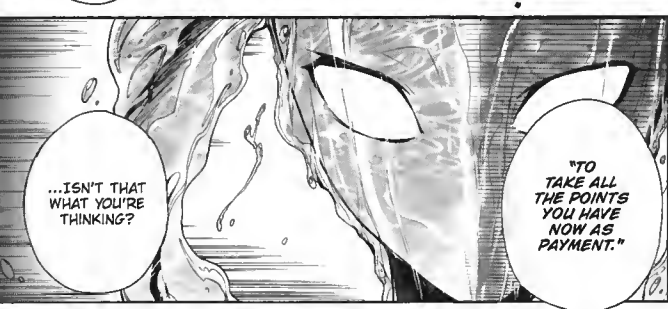
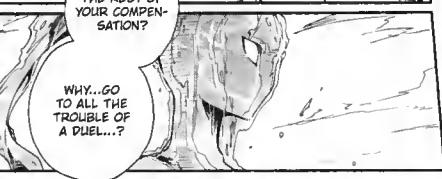
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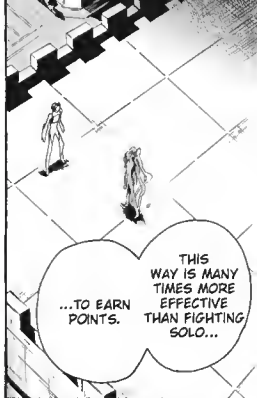
Sure,
what's
that?



The rest
of my
compen-
sation.







...TO EARN
POINTS.

THIS
WAY IS MANY
TIMES MORE
EFFECTIVE
THAN FIGHTING
SOLO...



MY...
POINTS?

NO, BUT
THAT'S...
YOU JUST
REPLENISHED
THEM.



NOW
THAT I'VE
THOROUGHLY
ANALYZED
YOUR FIGHTING
ABILITIES, I'LL
TAKE YOUR
POINTS.

AT THE
SAME TIME
I REPLENISHED
THEM, I
COLLECTED
INFORMATION.



...IS THAT
YOU CAN'T
GET THE
CABLE OUT
RIGHT
AWAY.

—THE
SCARY THING
ABOUT DIRECT
DUELS...

...YOU CAN'T
EXACTLY TAKE
SEVENTY POINTS
IN ONE DUEL...?

...YOU SAY
THAT, BUT...



SHOW
ME EVERY-
THING YOU
HAVE...!!

GET
READY.

...NOW.

...YOUR
OPPONENT'S
ACCELERATED
AGAIN.

AFTER
THE DUEL IS
OVER AND YOU
GO BACK TO
REALITY, BEFORE
YOU CAN MOVE
YOUR ARM AND
TAKE OUT THE
CABLE...

DO YOU
GIVE UP...?

.....

...FOUGHT
WITH THE
FRIEND WHO'S
WAITING FOR
ME DOWNSTAIRS
A LITTLE WHILE
AGO.

I...

WE FOUGHT
FOR REAL...
WE THREW ALL
THE ANGER AND
RESENTMENT WE'D
BEEN CARRYING
AROUND FOR
YEARS AT EACH
OTHER.

BUT...AT
THE END
OF THAT
FIGHT...

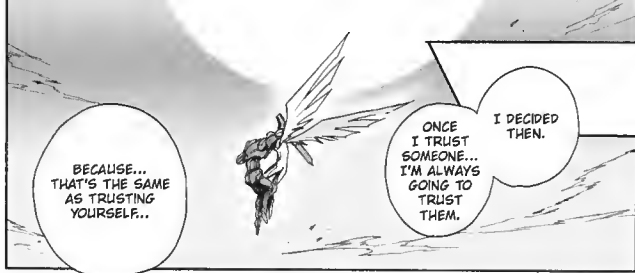
...I TRUSTED
HIM, AND HE
TRUSTED ME.

...I...
...TRUSTED
YOU,
CURREN-
SAN.

...NOT
QUITE.

SINCE THE
FIRST TAG
MATCH WE
FOUGHT—
NO.

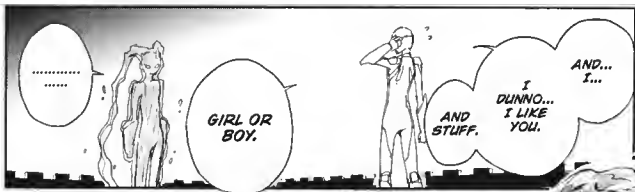
SINCE I
BUMPED INTO
YOU IN THE
TOILET...



BECAUSE...
THAT'S THE SAME
AS TRUSTING
YOURSELF...

ONCE
I TRUST
SOMEONE...
I'M ALWAYS
GOING TO
TRUST
THEM.

I DECIDED
THEN.



.....
.....

GIRL OR
BOY.

AND
STUFF.

I
DUNNO...
I LIKE
YOU.

AND...
I...



BECAUSE
YOU
DIRECTED SO
DEFENSE-
LESSLY.

WH-WHY
WOULD YOU
TELL A LIE
LIKE THAT?

HUH?



WELL...
INSIDE,
I WAS
SUPER
FREAKED
OUT.

BUT
THAT DIDN'T
WORK TOO
WELL.

I WANTED
TO SCARE
YOU A
LITTLE.



THAT
WAS...
A LIE.

I'M
SORRY.



...I ALSO
HAD A LOT
OF COM-
PANIONS—
FRIENDS.

A LONG,
LONG TIME
AGO...



THAT
FRIEND
...

I WANT
YOU TO
TREASURE
HIM.

YEAH...
I'M GOING
TO.



...AND LOVED
MORE THAN
ANYONE...

...A
MASTER
WHO I
TRUSTED
...

AND...



...WE'LL
ALL COME
TOGETHER
AGAIN...

...THAT THERE
WILL BE A TIME
WHEN WE CAN
WALK TOGETHER,
LOOKING UP AT A
BEAUTIFUL NIGHT
SKY LIKE THIS
AGAIN...

BUT...

...I STILL
BELIEVE
THAT...



BUT...

...SOMETHING
HAPPENED, AND
MY COMPANIONS
ALL WENT
DIFFERENT
WAYS.

—MY
MASTER
DISAPPEARED
FROM THE
ACCELERATED
WORLD.

AND MY
FRIENDS...
WENT FAR
AWAY, ONE
AFTER
ANOTHER.



HUH?
WHAT?



...ONE THING
ALONE WAS
TRUE.



ME
THREATENING
YOU BEFORE
WAS MOSTLY
A LIE, BUT...

SILVER
CROW.



...FOR YOU
AND I TO BE
MEETING.

IT'S
STILL A
LITTLE
EARLY...

YOU HAVE TO
SUPPORT AND
WALK BESIDE
YOUR MASTER
RIGHT NOW.

LATER ON,
AS SHE MOVES
FORWARD WITH
HER SWORD OF
FAITH DRAWN
AGAIN...

...WE'LL
MEET ONCE
MORE.

UNTIL THEN...
WE ELEMENTS
SHOULD NOT
INTERVENE...



I NEED
...

...THE
REST
OF MY
COMPEN-
SATION.

TOYUN
(SPLASH)
13.0
K



YOUR
MEMORIES...
OF ME.

SUI
(SHAP)

MY
MEMO-
RIES...?

??

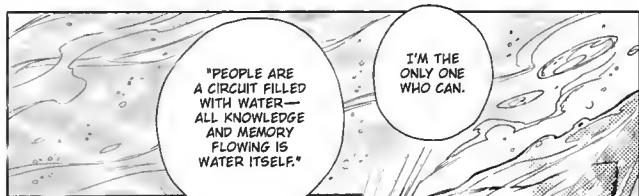


THAT'S...!!
HOW COULD
YOU...!?

...I AM GOING
TO ERASE THE
MEMORIES OF
ME IN YOU.

WHICH
...RIGHT IS WHY...
NOW...

SU
(SHF)



"PEOPLE ARE
A CIRCUIT FILLED
WITH WATER—
ALL KNOWLEDGE
AND MEMORY
FLOWING IS
WATER ITSELF."

I'M THE
ONLY ONE
WHO CAN.



THIS IS
MY...

...W...

...WILL.

...ill...

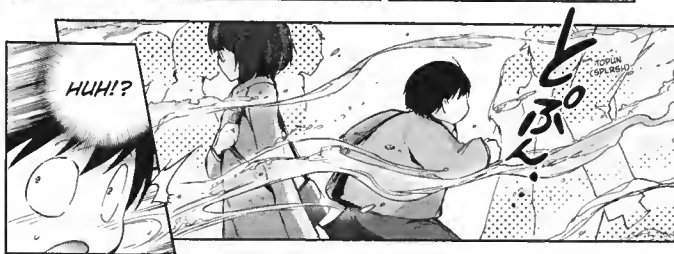
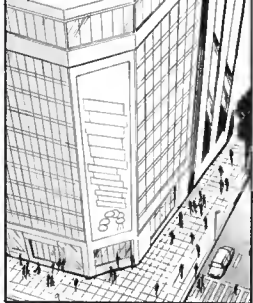


NOW...WE
PART WAYS
TEMPORARILY.

WE'LL
MEET AGAIN,
SILVER
CROW.

**MEMORY
LEAK.**



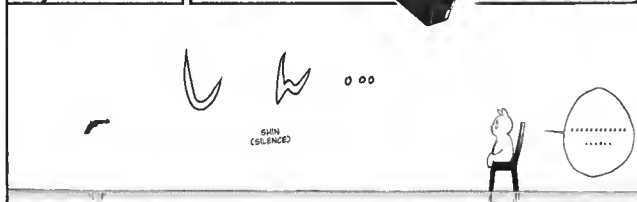
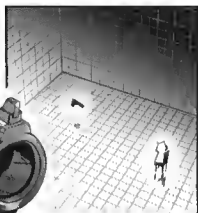
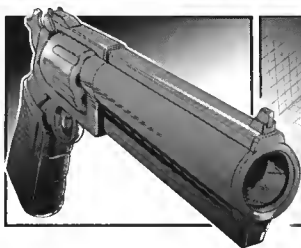
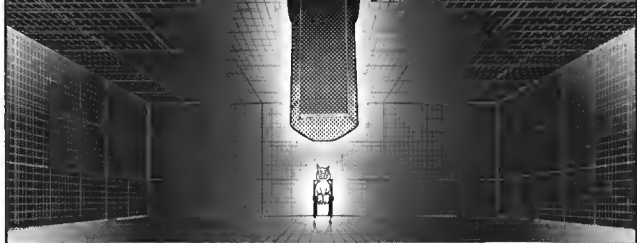


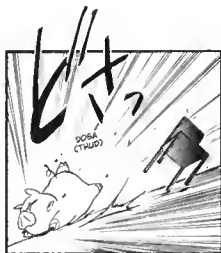


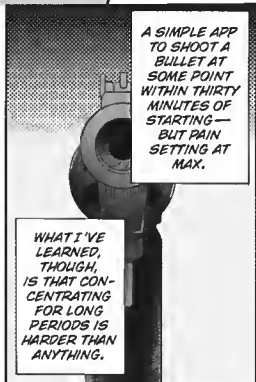


Chapter
#11











AFTER THE TROUBLE I FACED WHEN I WENT UP TO LEVEL TWO, THERE WAS A BRIEF PERIOD WHERE I MOVED FORWARD STEADILY.

SOMEONE FIGURED OUT THE WEAK POINT OF MY FLIGHT ABILITY—

—THAT I'M AN EASY TARGET.

I EVEN MADE IT TO LEVEL FOUR IN THREE MONTHS, BUT MY WIN RATE SINCE THEN HAS PLUMMETED.



TO A SNIPER SO FAST AND ACCURATE THAT IT'S NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO SEE THE BULLET, I'M A SITTING DUCK.

WHEN FLYING, YOUR BODY'S FULLY EXPOSED TO ENEMY EYES.



BUT...

...IF THIS IS WHERE MY LIMIT IS...



...THEN I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO REACH HER SIDE...



WHICH IS WHY I STARTED THIS SPECIAL TRAINING, BUT...

SIGH...

PRITAN
OKLAKO
Toto
h

...MAY-
BE...

...I DON'T HAVE ANY TALENT AFTER ALL.



NO NEED
TO RUSH.

TAKE
TIME, GET
STRONGER
AT YOUR
OWN PACE.

HARUYUKI-
KUN.

— SENPAI'S
ALWAYS
SAYING STUFF
LIKE THAT TO
CHEER ME UP,
BUT...



I SHOULD
JUST
RUN AWAY
AGAIN.

MY OLD HABIT
OF RUNNING
REARS
ITS UGLY
HEAD.



...BUT
STILL.

...I...

BUT
STILL—



...WHEN
I THINK
ABOUT
HER DIS-
APPOINT-
MENT
GROW-
ING...

...BIT BY
BIT EVERY
TIME I'M
DEFEATED...

...IT
SCARES ME
SO MUCH I
CAN HARDLY
STAND IT.

...I WANT
TO BE
STRONGER.



はっ

RAI
COASHO

WELCOME
HOME?? BIG
BROTHER??

I'M AN
ONLY CHILD,
AREN'T I!?

GABA
(GAPE)

か
はっ

—HUH!?

I'M
BAKING
COOKIES
RIGHT
NOW.

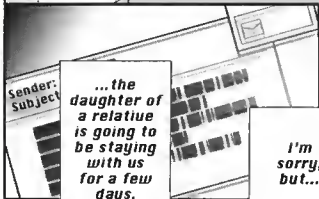
YOU JUST
WAIT A
MINUTE,
OKAY...

BIG
BROTHER!
♡

HOLD—
HUH—

HHHHHHHHH!!!?





And I
already
told you,
I'm in
Shanghai
from
today.

He said
it was a
sudden
business
trip
overseas.

KACHAN
(KACHAN)

You know
them, don't
you? The
Saitos?

My
cousin?

Mail me
if you
need
anything.

Bye.

I'll be back
in a couple
days...

...so
you keep
an eye
on her,
all right?

I
THOUGHT
MY BIG
BROTHER
HARUYUKI
WOULD BE
HUNGRY
WHEN
HE GOT
HOME...

I'M SORRY
FOR USING
THE KITCHEN
WITHOUT
ASKING.

UM...



OH,
SO YOU
DIDN'T
SEE MY
MOM,
THEN.

AFTER MY
DAD BROUGHT
ME HERE,
HE WENT
STRAIGHT TO
THE AIRPORT.



I'M IN FIFTH
GRADE NOW, SO
I SAID I COULD
STAY HOME BY
MYSELF,
BUT...

HE HAD
TO GO
AWAY ON
BUSINESS
SUDDENLY...

MY DAD IS
THE ONLY
FAMILY I
HAVE.

KOTO
(TUKU)

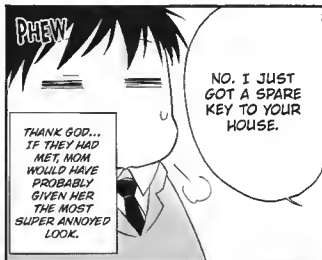


KURU
(PWP)

HUH...?
SO,
THEN...

I'LL
GO WASH
THE DISHES
FIRST!

THAT
MEANS...



PHEW

THANK GOD...
IF THEY HAD
MET, MOM
WOULD HAVE
PROBABLY
GIVEN HER
THE MOST
SUPER ANNOYED
LOOK.

NO. I JUST
GOT A SPARE
KEY TO YOUR
HOUSE.



THE
COOKIES ARE
STILL HOT, SO
YOU SHOULD
WAIT A BIT.

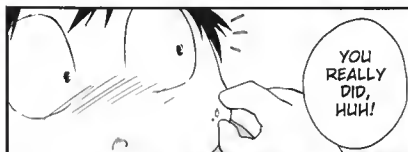
AND
I'LL MAKE
SOME TEA
TOO!

KACHA
(CHAK)

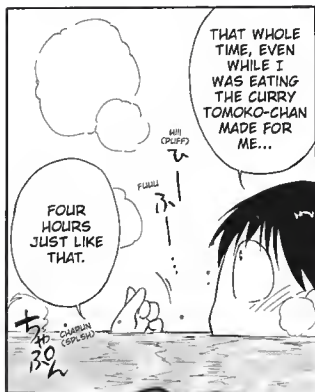
O-O-KAY.

...FOR
THE NEXT
THREE
DAYS,
IN THIS
HOUSE...

...IT'S JUST
ME AND
THIS GIRL...
ALONE!?

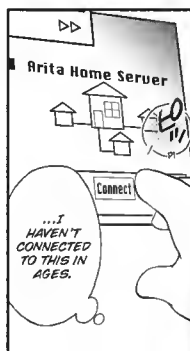
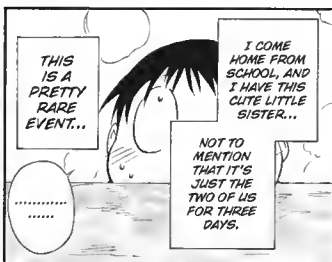


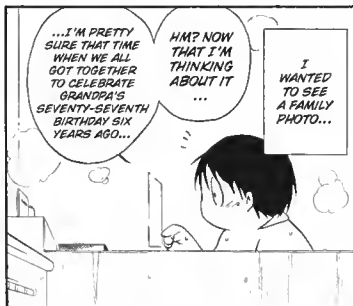




...TOO
PERFECT...?

IT SEEMS
ALMOST...







HLH!?

HEE
HEE
HEE!

CAN I
GET IN
WITH
YOU?

BIG
BROTHER!





もじ
HOJI
(SQUIRM)

もじ
HOJI

...SHE'S
WEARING
A TOWEL—
WAIT.

WHAT
IS IT, BIG
BROTHER?

AH...
OKAY,
THAT WAS
A SHOCK,
BUT...

IT'S
TOTALLY
NOT
FINE AT
ALL!!

IT'S FINE.
I MEAN, WE'RE
COUSINS
AND ALL.
♡

ちら...
CHIRA
(GLANCE)

...EXACTLY
WHY I'D BE
GRATEFUL IF
YOU DIDN'T
LOOK SO
INTENTLY
AT ME!

TH-
THAT'S...

TOMOKO-
CHAN...

MORE
IMPOR-
TANTLY...



TOMOKO
SAITO'S IN
THEM TOO.

AND...
...THERE ARE
STILL PICTURES
ON MY GRANDPA'S
HOME SERVER.

KU!
(PWP)

WHAT?

YOU'VE
GOT CLEAN
TAN LINES
ON YOUR
NECK.

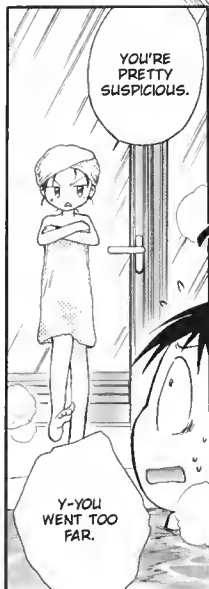
THAT'S THE
KIND OF TAN YOU
CAN'T REALLY GET
UNLESS YOU'VE
BEEN WEARING ONE
CONSTANTLY FROM
THE TIME YOU
WERE BORN.

BA
(GAU)

TSK!

...YOU'RE
ABOUT
TEN TIMES
CUTER.

...I'LL
JUST SAY
THIS...



YOU'RE
PRETTY
SUSPICIOUS.

Y-YOU
WENT TOO
FAR.



AAAAH!
COME
OOOON!!

NEVER
EXPECTED YOU
TO GO AND DIG
THEM UP AT YOUR
GRANDPA'S.

AND AFTER
I WENT AND
CHECKED
THE ALBUMS
HERE.



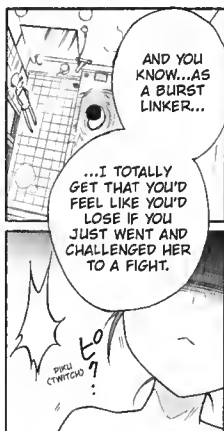
HEH
HEH!

...ARE
SET TO BE
INTERCEPTED
AND SENT
TO ME.

ALL MAILS
AND CALLS
FROM
YOUR MOM
TO SAITO-
SAN...

BUT WHAT
IF SHE'D
DECIDED TO
DOUBLE-CHECK
WITH HIM?

I'M
ASSUMING
THE MAIL
TO MY MOM
FROM SAITO-
SAN WAS
A FAKE.







GUMI
(CATCH)

TSURUN
(SLIP)

!? ' (bang)

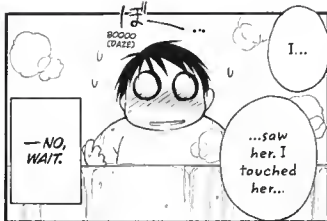
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whoa-

HYAA!?

POBON
(SPLOOSH)

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SCARLET
RAIN.

"IMMOBILE
FORTRESS,"
"BLOODY
STORM"...

The
second
Red King
herself?

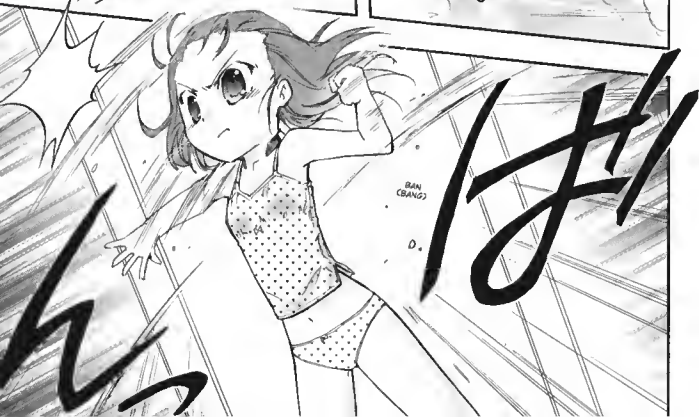
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U
H?

DOTA
(STOMP)

DOTA

DOTA

ZABU
(PLSH)



BAN
(BANG)





WHOA...
IT'S
HUGE!!

MY
HOUSE IS
GONE...?



Scarlet Rain

SCARLET
RAIN...!!



OH
RIGHT, IT'S
BECAUSE
HOUSES ARE
OUTSIDE THE
SCOPE OF
THE SOCIAL
CAMERAS.

THIS
SPACE IS
SUPPLE-
MENTED
BY THE
PROGRAM.



...IS TO
STAKE YOUR
LIFE ON CLOSE
APPROACHES
FROM BLIND
SPOTS TO
TAKE OUT
WEAK POINTS.

—THE
ATTACK
STRATEGY
FOR THIS KIND
OF ENORMOUS
AND HEAVILY
ARMED BOSS...

I-
I-I'M
TOO...

...
FREAKED
OUT TO
MOVE.

...AND
GRAB
ONTO HER
BACK....!!

GIVE
EVERY-
THING I'VE
GOT TO
A DASH
AROUND
HER...

YOU SAY
THE CUTEST
THINGS! ♡

HUH?

F-FOR-
GOTTEN
WHAT?

BUT...
YOU HAVEN'T
FORGOTTEN,
HAVE YOU?

YOU
SUUUUUURE
GOT GUTS.

SO,
YOU'RE
NOT
RUNNING,
HUH?

...SHEER
STUPID-
ITY.

THE ENEMY'S
AFFILIATION
IS LONG-
RANGE, RED...
GETTING
DISTANCE
FROM AN
OPPONENT
LIKE THIS IS...

I
HAVE
TO
GET
AWAY!!

—NO!
I CAN'T
DO THAT!!

NO
WAY...!!



THAT
WAS AN ACT
OF GOD,
OKAAAAAY!?

ZUKYUUN
(ZZZMP)

SANKO
(CHIK)

—THE
FACT
THAT...

...I TOLD
YOU I WAS
GOING TO
KILL YOU,
YOU FRIGGIN'
PERV!!



AND YOU
WERE THE ONE
WHO JUST CAME
WALTZING INTO
THE BATH!!

AND
NOW HEAD
FOR HER
BACK!!



GAAAA—
HOT!!

...HM?
THRUST-
ERS?

ALL RIGHT...!!
JUST LIKE I
THOUGHT, NO
WEAPONS ON
HER REAR,
JUST FINS AND
THRUSTERS.



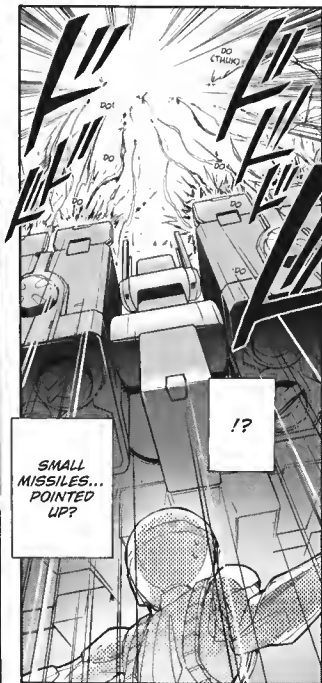
—NO!
I CAN'T
STOP
NOW!!

SILVER IS
RESISTANT
TO HEAT!!



THE
CEIL-
ING!!

...CRAP!!
THE WHOLE
BUILDING'S
COMING
DOWN...!!



!?

SMALL
MISSILES...
POINTED
UP?



IF I GET
SWALLOWED
UP IN THIS...

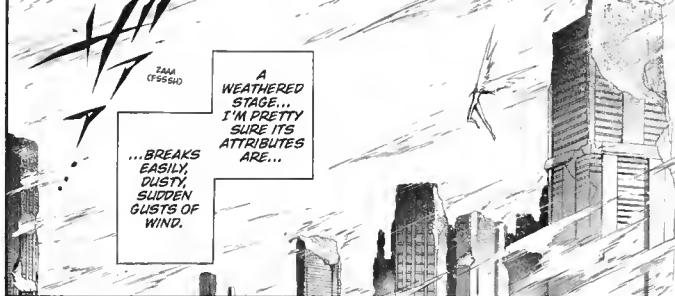
...MY
HP WILL
VANISH
IN A
BLINK....!!

KYUO
CFW65HD

FLYYYYYY!!

BASA
CF1APD

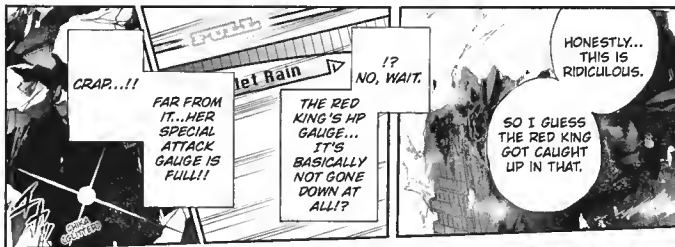




ZAAA
(FSSSH)

A
WEATHERED
STAGE...
I'M PRETTY
SURE ITS
ATTRIBUTES
ARE...

...BREAKS
EASILY,
DUSTY,
SUDDEN
GUSTS OF
WIND.



CRAP...!!

FAR FROM
IT...HER
SPECIAL
ATTACK
GAUGE IS
FULL!!

THE RED
KING'S HP
GAUGE...
IT'S
BASICALLY
NOT GONE
DOWN AT
ALL!?

!?
NO, WAIT.

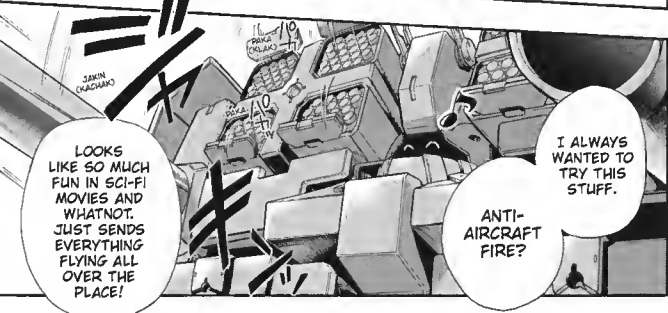
HONESTLY...
THIS IS
RIDICULOUS.

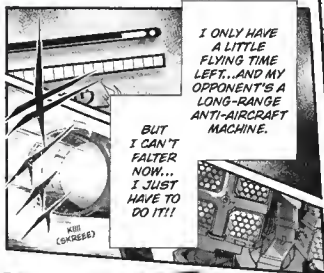
SO I GUESS
THE RED KING
GOT CAUGHT
UP IN THAT.



BO
(CLAMP)

**HEAT BLAST
SATURATION!!**





I ONLY HAVE
A LITTLE
FLYING TIME
LEFT...AND MY
OPPONENT'S A
LONG-RANGE
ANTI-AIRCRAFT
MACHINE.

BUT
I CAN'T
FALTER
NOW...
I JUST
HAVE TO
DO IT!!

KIM
(GKREB)



SILVER
CROW!

GET
READY!!

!!

GASHAN
(CHAK)



HAILSTORM
DOMINATION!!

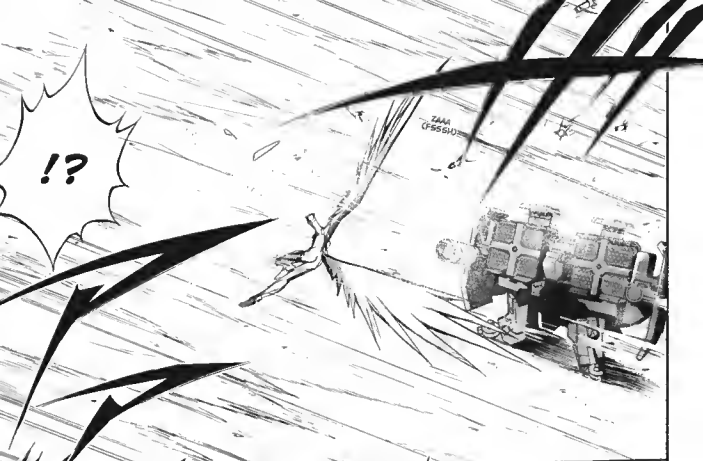


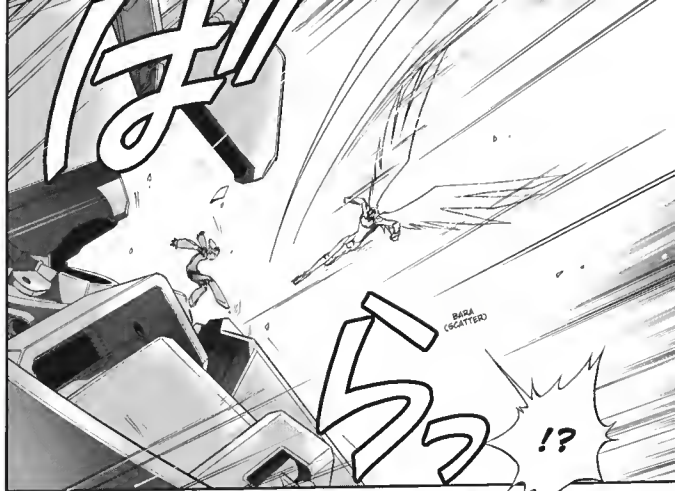
NGH...!!

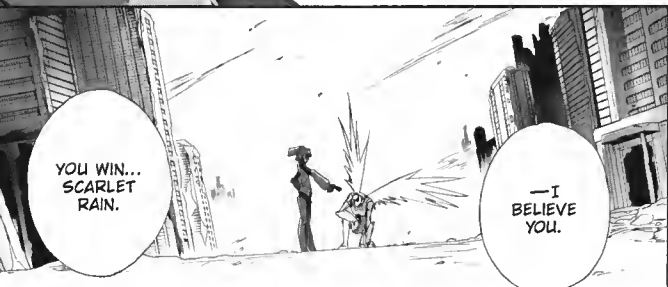
I CAN'T
DODGE
THEM
ALL...!!



GUYUOO
CHWYHANO









*SHE
CAN'T BE...
IS SHE
TELLING ME
TO BETRAY
THE BLACK
LEGION...?*

Huh? A
favor?

...WILL
YOU DO ME
A FAVOR?

THEN...

*LET ME
MEET YOUR
GUARDIAN.*

*IN
THE REAL
WORLD...
BOTH OF US,
FLESH AND
BLOOD.*

Chapter

#12





BAN
(BANG)

YOU
FOOL!!



— THAT'S
WHAT I
THOUGHT
WOULD
HAPPEN,
BUT —

SHE'S REALLY
RESTRAINING
HERSELF...

PURU

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YOU
SCLENCH

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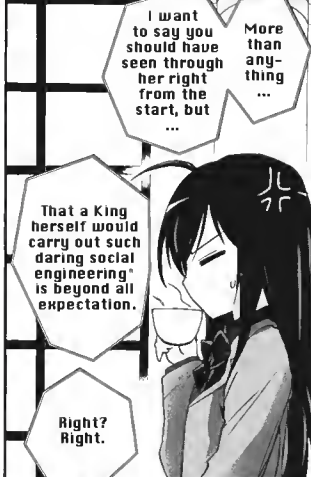
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» SOCIAL ENGINEERING = A METHOD OF HACKING SECURITY WITHOUT USING A NETWORK THROUGH CONTACT WITH THE TARGET OFFLINE AND PHYSICAL MEANS.



I don't know what she's planning...

"Let me meet your guardian. In the real world. Both of us, flesh and blood." ...Hm?



I want to say you should have seen through her right from the start, but ...

More than anything ...

That a King herself would carry out such daring social engineering" is beyond all expectation.

Right? Right.



I've heard that Scarlet Rain put all of her level-up bonuses into enhancing her long-range heat attack.

And she smashed my condo in one go basically.

With one move, she sent half the government building flying.



That said... A direct duel with a King is a very rare experience.

How was she then, the second Red King?

R-ridiculous.



She did!!

But it was only, like, fifty centimeters or so.

Oh... she did move.



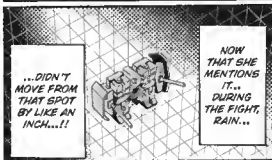
WAIT, THAT TIME—



Huh?

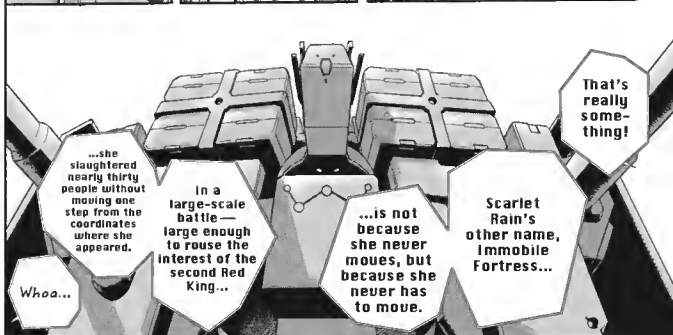
Did the Red King move during your duel?

Which reminds me.



...DIDN'T MOVE FROM THAT SPOT BY LIKE AN INCH...!!

NOW THAT SHE MENTIONS IT... DURING THE FIGHT, RAIN...



...she slaughtered nearly thirty people without moving one step from the coordinates where she appeared.

Whoa...

In a large-scale battle—large enough to rouse the interest of the second Red King...

...is not because she never moves, but because she never has to move.

Scarlet Rain's other name, Immobile Fortress...

That's really something!



Ah...

...In the past and in the present is Red Rider—



The only one crowning the red symbol ...

Which is why I said that you need to study more.

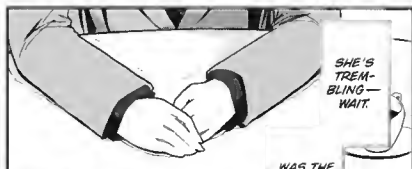
I—if I'd known all that—wait. If I had known earlier she was a King, I would've surrendered right away.

I just sort of assumed that the Red King's name would be "Red something" ...



.....?
.....?

Senpai.....
.....?



SHE'S
TREMBLING—
WAIT.



WAS THE
PREVIOUS
RED
KING...
WAS HE
HER—

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ッ
...
GYU
(GULPS)



OH!
RIGHT!

AT
SENPAI'S
HANDS, THE
FORMER
RED KING,
RED RIDER,
WAS...



No...

It's
fine.
Don't
worry
about
it...

Last
night on
the phone
too... and
this
question
now...

— I'm
sorry.

I'm
being
thought-
less.





Haruyuki-kun...

Before we're fighters, we're family... right?

You're my "guardian," and I'm your "child."



...go someplace else?

— Shall we...



We can't exactly decide...

...how to handle Scarlet Rain with just the two of us, can we?

Huh? Where?





...TO
PROTECT
SUGINAMI, THE
TERRITORY
OF NEGA
NEBULUS—

...TO
BE WITH
CHIYU...

...
AND
...

...FROM HIS
ACADEMIC
SCHOOL IN
SHINJUKU TO
THIS PRIVATE
SCHOOL IN
SUGINAMI...



MORNING,
TAKUMU-
KUN.

GOOD
MORNING,
MASTER!

THAT'S
WHAT
HE
SAYS.

HE'S
GOING
TO KEEP
SEEING
THE REAL
WORLD
WITH HIS
OWN EYES.



APOLOGIES.
BUT IT REALLY
WORKS BEST
FOR ME.

MM...
I SEE.



BUT...
MAYBE STOP
CALLING ME
"MASTER" AT
SCHOOL?



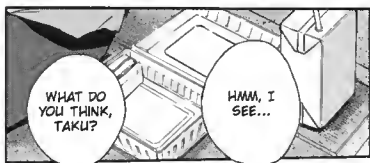
I SAW
HOW HARD
LITTLE
TAKU
WORKED
FOR THAT
ENTRANCE
EXAM...

...SO
I TOLD HIM
IT WAS A
WASTE AND
TRIED TO
STOP HIM.

BUT
TAKU'S
RESOLVE
WAS FIRM.

THOSE
GLASSES ARE
PROBABLY AN
EXPRESSION
OF HIS STRONG
WILL TOO.

FROM NOW
ON...HE'S
NOT GOING TO
RELY ON THE
DIGITAL VISUAL
CORRECTION
OF HIS NEURO-
LINKER.





THE
TRUTH
IS, I'M A
BURST LINKER.

BUT ALL MY
SENPAI IN THE
LEGION STEAL
THE POINTS
I WORKED SO
HARD FOR.

GIVEN YOUR
PERSONALITY,
HARU, IF YOU HAD
LIVED WITH HER
FOR THREE DAYS,
YOU'D HAVE ENDED
UP ATTACHED
TO YOUR "LITTLE
SISTER."

AND...

KIKU
(GUSHO)



WOULD
ANYONE
GET TRIPPED
UP BY SUCH
AN OBVIOUS
TRAP?

EVEN
HARUYUKI-
KUN...

...HE
WOULD...
NEVER...

SHUKU
(GUSHO)



JOIN MY
LEGION
AND
PROTECT
ME...!!

PLEASE,
BIG
BROTHER!

—IF
SHE WERE
TO SAY
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT...

!?

NOW
REALLY...
THAT'S
RIDICU-
LOUS!!



I DON'T
HAVE ANY
REASON TO,
DO I?

S-so then...
you can
"execute"
me too?

I-I
HAVEN'T
HEARD
ANY-
THING
ABOUT
THAT!!

Guilt entry

NAME

DATE

REASON FOR ENTRY

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I-I-I-
I WON'T!
WHY WOULD
I...I?

...OTHER
THAN...

...OF COURSE,
IF YOU CHEAT
ON ME WITH
SOME OTHER
GIRL.

RIGHT?

IT'S
WRITTEN
RIGHT THERE
IN THE LEGION
APPLICATION
FORM.

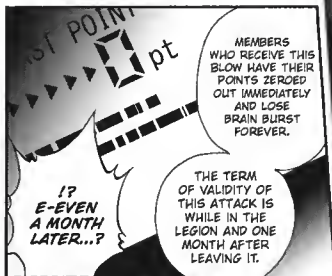
IT'S
YOUR
FAULT
FOR NOT
READING
IT.

"JUDGMENT
BLOW."

THE NAME
IS VERY
DECISIVE...

...B-BUT
EVEN
STILL...
EXECUTION...
WHAT
SPECIFICALLY
DOES THAT...?

MMM. YES...
WELL, WE
COULD CALL
IT A TYPE
OF SPECIAL
ATTACK.





IS
THAT
IT...?

...THERE'S
SOMETHING
SHE WANTS
TO MAKE...

....HARU DO
FOR A SHORT
TIME—NO,
JUST ONCE.



—WHICH
MEANS...



S-
SORRY?
FOR
WHAT?

MAJI
(STARES)

まい
まい
MAJI

HOW
CAN I PUT
THIS?
YOU ARE...
STARTING TO
LOOK GOOD
FOR THIS.



HOW
ABOUT WE
CALL YOU
"PROFESSOR"
FROM NOW
ON, TAKUMU-
KUN?

THE
GLASSES
CHARAC-
TER.

ZURU
(SLURP)

Uh...
I'll pass.



IF
IT'S JUST
ONE TIME,
SHE COULD
THREATEN
HIM TO
DO IT.

I'M SURE
THAT'S WHAT
SHE'S
THINKING.

SINCE HER
LITTLE-SISTER
COVER WAS
BLOWN, MAYBE
SHE'S CHANGED
HER STRATEGY
TO MAKING A
DEAL?

HMM...











IT'D BE
INTERESTING
TO HANG
YOU IN AN
INTERSECTION
AND
MAKE CARS
STOP.

AND
YOU ARE
ACTUALLY
SCARLET,
RED KING.



I GET IT...
YOU SURE ARE
BLACK. I WOULDN'T
BE ABLE TO SEE
YOU AT NIGHT,
EVEN IF YOU WERE
STANDING RIGHT IN
FRONT OF ME.

HMPH...
SO YOU'RE
THE BLACK
KING.



AH!
AH, AH,
AH, AH,
AH, AH!

BACH!
(CRACKLE)



WHAT IS
WRONG
WITH
YOU?

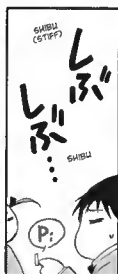
I WILL
KILL
YOU
AGAIN.



I SURE AM
HAPPY I GET
TO HAVE A
CUTE LITTLE
SISTER AND
A BEAUTIFUL
OLDER ONE
ALL AT
ONCE!

U-UH—

DOU
CWHOOO





FIRST OF ALL, RED KING—OR RATHER, YUNIKO-KUN.

IN ANY CASE, PERHAPS YOU WILL ALLOW ME TO GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT.



I MUST HEAR EXACTLY HOW YOU CRACKED HARIYUKI-KUN IN THE REAL.



GISH! COBRAKHO

AHH—SERIOUSLY, FINE, WHAT-EVER!

I'LL JUST REMEMBER YOU'RE TOTALLY SHAMELESS AND ACTUALLY HAVE THE NERVE TO CALL YOURSELF "HIME" LIKE A PRINCESS!

MUCH CUTER THAN REFERRING TO ONESELF AS "KING." DON'T YOU THINK?



AS FOR HOW I PINNED YOU DOWN...

SOCIAL ENGINEERING. AND IN A WAY ONLY AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KID LIKE ME CAN DO.



RIGHT, THIS IS AN ISSUE DIRECTLY CONNECTED TO MY REAL WORLD SAFETY.

EVEN IN THE RED LEGION, I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS WHO SILVER CROW IS.

YOU DON'T NEED TO MAKE THAT SCARED FACE.



...AND APPLIED FOR SCHOOL VISITS TO EVERY SINGLE JUNIOR HIGH IN SUGINAMI WARD.

SO, THEN I USED THE FACT THAT I'M IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL...

...AND THAT YOU'RE IN JUNIOR HIGH BASED ON THE TIMES YOU SHOWED UP.

EVERYONE KNOWS YOU GUYS' TERRITORY IS SUGINAMI...



...AN
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOLER WHO'S
ALSO A KING
WITH POINTS TO
SPARE, COULD
EMPLOY.

IN OTHER
WORDS, THIS
IS A METHOD
WHICH ONLY
YOU...



THAT'S
NOT
IT!!

YOU—

HOWEVER,
WELL...YOUR
TENACITY'S
QUITE
COMMEND-
ABLE.

HAVE YOU
REALLY FALLEN
SO HARD FOR
HARUYUKI-KUN?



...SO,
THEN...

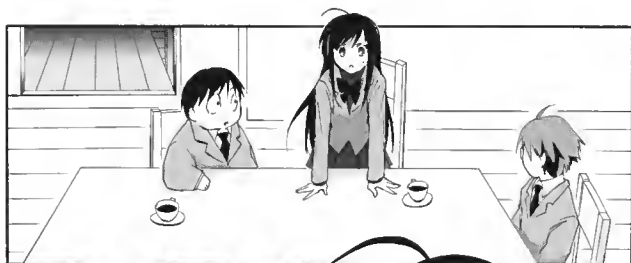
OR RATHER,
JUST WITH
THOSE
FLAPPERS ON
HIS BACK.

MY
BUSINESS
IS WITH THE
AVATAR!!

DON'T
GET THE
WRONG
IDEA!!







THE
ARMOR
OF CATAS-
TROPHE...

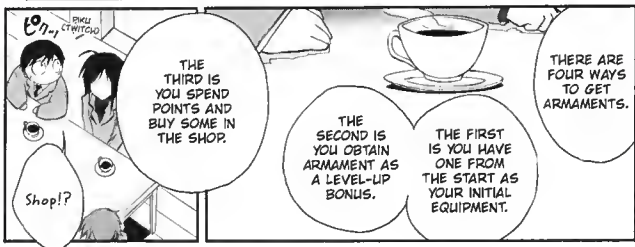
IS THAT
WHAT YOU
SAID...?

FOOL!

S-
SENPAI?

THAT
ARMOR'S
ALREADY
BEEN
DESTROYED!!







HA
HA
HA!
NO DOUBT
ABOUT IT.
WHEN HARU
GOES INTO A
STORE LIKE THAT,
HIS WHOLE
PERSONALITY
CHANGES.

I CAN SEE
ONLY TOO WELL
THAT YOU'LL
GO CRAZY WITH
ALL OF YOUR
POINTS.



...HURRY
UP AND
SAY THE
FOURTH!



HA
HA...



NOT
TELL-
ING.

TH-
THERE'S
A STORE!?
WHERE
IS IT?



FOUR
—

**KILL
SOMEONE
AND TAKE
IT.**

...IF YOU
WON'T SAY
IT, I WILL...



ONE OF THE CURRENT ESTABLISHED THEORIES IS THAT IT'S A RANDOMLY GENERATED EVENT WITH A LOW PROBABILITY.

...BUT "MAYBE" ISN'T HOW IT WORKS FOR THE ARMOR OF CATASTROPHE.

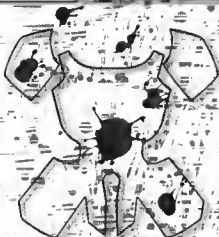
**You got an
ENHANCED ARMAMENT.**

...IN SOME CASES, THE OWNERSHIP OF THE LOSER'S ARMAMENT IS TRANSFERRED TO THE WINNER.



IF A BURST LINKER LOSES IN A DUEL AND HER BURST POINTS DROP TO ZERO...

**—IT'S
TOTES
CURSED.**



**ONE-
HUNDRED-
PERCENT
TRANSFER
RATE—**

TWO AND A HALF YEARS AGO...I SAW...

...THE ARMOR...
"CHROME
DISASTER"...
I CONFIRMED ITS
ANNIHILATION!!



HOW-
EVER...



...THAT IS
IMPOSSI-
BLE.

IT WAS
DESTROYED
...!!



CHROME
DISASTER

...IS
THE NAME OF
A LEGENDARY
BURST LINKER
WHO HAD
EXISTED AT THE
DAWNING OF THE
ACCELERATED
WORLD, WHICH
IS TO SAY,
SEVEN YEARS
AGO.

HOWEVER
EVEN FOR
HIM WHO
HAD PUSHED
COUNTLESS
DUELERS
TO THE
LOSS OF
BRAIN
BURST...

...THE
END
CAME.



WRAPPED IN THE
METALLIC GRAY,
KNIGHT-LIKE
ENHANCED ARMOR,
CHROME DISASTER
POSSESSED FIERCE
COMBAT ABILITIES
AND MADE MANY
LINKERS CRAWL
BEFORE HIM.



BURST
LINKERS—
OTHER THAN
HIMSELF—
JOINED
TOGETHER...

...TARGETED
CHROME
DISASTER,
AND
DELIBERATELY
AND
REPEATEDLY
CHALLENGED
HIM TO DUELS.

...HE WAS SAID
TO DECAPITATE
SURRENDERING
OPPONENTS,
TEAR OFF
THEIR LIMBS,
AND PERPE-
TRATE EVERY
OUTRAGE ON
THEM.

HIS
FIGHTING
METHOD
WAS, IN
A WORD,
SEVERE,
BRUTAL...

...HE
LAUGHED
LOUDLY
AND CRIED
OUT...

IN
THE
END...

...HIS
POINTS
DROPPED
TO ZERO,
AND IN THAT
MOMENT...

CHROME
DISASTER
HIMSELF
LEFT,
BUT...

THOSE
WORDS
WERE
TRUTH.



...THE
ARMOR...HIS
ENHANCED
ARMAMENT
DID NOT
DISAPPEAR.

OWNER-
SHIP OF IT
TRANS-
FERRED
TO ONE OF
THOSE WHO
HAD SUB-
JUGATED
HIM...

...AND THE
MIND OF THE
LINKER WHO
EQUIPPED
IT... WAS
HIJACKED.

"I CURSE
THIS
WORLD.

"I
DIS-
HONOR
IT.

"I WILL BE
RESUR-
RECTED
AGAIN AND
AGAIN."

APPARENTLY,
THIS WILD
FIGURE WAS
INDISTINGUISH-
ABLE FROM THE
FIRST CHROME
DISASTER...

DESPITE THE
FACT THAT,
UNTIL THEN,
THIS LINKER
HAD BEEN
BELOVED
AS A NOBLE
LEADER...
...IN THE
SPACE OF
ONE NIGHT—
A SINGLE
NIGHT—SHE
CHANGED INTO
A RUTHLESS
SLAUGHTERER.

—THE SAME
EVENTS HAVE,
IN FACT, BEEN
REPEATED
THREE TIMES.

THIS BURST
LINKER IS
THEN REFERRED
TO AS CHROME
DISASTER,
INSTEAD OF
THEIR ORIGINAL
NAME.

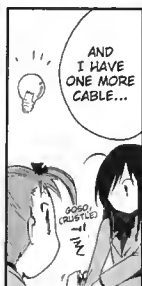
...EACH
TIME, THEY
BRING GREAT
CALAMITY TO
THE WORLD.

ONE OWNER
AFTER ANOTHER
TAKEN OVER,
PERSONALITIES
TRANSFORMED...

...THE
DREADFUL
NATURE
OF THAT
BATTLE...I
REMEMBER
IT EVEN
NOW...

...I
PARTICIPATED
IN THE
SUBJUGATION
OF THE FOURTH
CHROME
DISASTER WITH
THE OTHER
KINGS.

TWO
AND A HALF
YEARS AGO,
AS ONE OF
THE SEVEN
KINGS OF
PURE
COLOR...







OH...
IS THIS
A VR
MOVIE...?

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HUH?
I DON'T
HAVE A
BODY.

Um...
Senpai?

Yes.

Don't
call me
that.

Takumu-
kun,
little
girl, are
you also
here?

I'm
here.

So...
this is
a movie
file,
right?

It would
remain
in the
cache of
the condo
servers.


I don't
want
anything
leaking,
just in
case.

If we're
just going
to watch
a movie, why
go to all the
trouble of us
directing...?

WHERE IS
THIS...?

Hm?

A MOVIE
SHE NEEDS
TO BE THAT
CAREFUL
WITH?
WHAT ON
EARTH...?



Mmm.
It's me from
two and a
half years
ago.

What?
Senpai...?

So this
is that battle
you mentioned
before, the
Seven Kings
of Pure Color
versus Chrome
Disaster?

Recording
of a duel...
It's called
"Replay."

If you're
in that
form, then
is this the
Accelerated
World?

But
there's
just you
alone?

No,
someone
else will
come soon.

GASHA
KABUSHO

NU
CTHMO



What a beautiful green...

Master, is that him?

Yes.
The Green King.

Rumor has it, all his losses were time-ups, and even then, his HP's never once been cut in half...

Looks pretty hard.

Obviously a lie, though.

Watch and see.

GASHA
OKRASHO

NU
CTHMO

YURA
CHLUDPERO

!?

WH...AT...
IS THAT...

THIS...
IS THIS A
BURST LINKER?
AN AVATAR
OPERATED BY
A FLESH-AND-
BLOOD HUMAN
BEING...?

NO
WAY...!!
IT'S LIKE
A WILD
BEAST—
NO...



I suppose
it would
be.

The black
armor is
Enhanced
Armament,
so the shape
would change
depending on
the avatar
equipping it.

It's
completely
different in
form and size
than the fifth
one running
wild right
now.

Is that
the fourth
Chrome
Disaster?

...A
MONSTER
...!!



GURURU
(GROGG)

However,
its
characteristics
do not change,
no matter who
inherits it.

Essentially,
an aggres-
siveness
that's almost
madness...!!



KIN
(CLANG)

BA
(CLAP)



That...
He's
injured
...?

GAH-
GAH!!

He is.

GAH!



And
yet he's
still this
wild.

In
terms of
his health
gauge,
he's on the
verge of
death.

Right
before
this, he
fought the
other kings
and was
cornered
in this
place.



Watch!!

That's
one of
his
abilities,
"Drain."

W-watch
out!!

ZURU
(GLITCHED)



NIZAN
(ZIRKO)

DOBU
(THUD)

ZUBA
(SLASH)

GAAH!!







BUT THAT
GUY'S NOT
IN THERE
ANYMORE.
HE'S BEEN
EATEN UP BY
THE ARMOR...
HE'S GONE.

ORIGINALLY
NAMED
"CHERRY
ROOK."



.....



GOD
DAM-
MIT!!

AND
NOW...
SHIT!



DIDN'T
HAVE ANY
INCREDIBLE
ABILITIES OR
ANYTHING,
BUT HE KEPT
PLODDING AHEAD
AND MADE IT TO
LEVEL SIX.

CHERRY
WAS...
HE WAS
A GOOD
GUY.



THEN RIGHT
NOW...YOU
COULD DEFEAT
HIM WITH
A SINGLE
MOVE.

CLEAN
HOUSE....!!
OF
COURSE!!

WITH THE
"JUDGMENT
BLOW"....!!



I...
I HAVE
TO CLEAN
HOUSE.

...AND HE'S
GOING THROUGH
THE OTHER
MEMBERS AND
ATTACKING THEM
SYSTEMATICALLY.
BREAKING THE
NONAGGRESSION
PACT.

HE'S...
STILL A
MEMBER OF
THE RED
LEGION...





TO LAND
THAT BLOW,
I GOTTA CUT
HIS LEGS OUT
FROM UNDER
HIM...

—SO.

DOESN'T
MATTER WHICH
LEGION MASTER
YOU ARE, THE
JUDGMENT BLOW
IS A CLOSE-RANGE
TECHNIQUE,
BASICALLY
POINTBLANK.

すたすた SUTA (BRUSH)



OKAY, BIG
BROTHER?



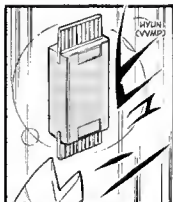
YOU
CAPTURE
CHROME
DISASTER
FOR ME!

WHAT...
WHAAAA-
AAAAT!!?





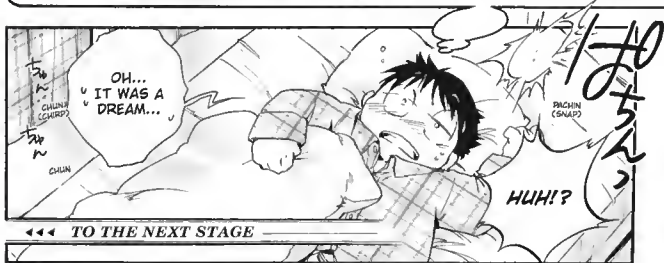
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✱ THIS IS AN ORIGINAL CONCEPT, JUST THIS ONE TIME.







◀◀ TO THE NEXT STAGE

▶▶▶ **ACCEL • WORLD**

To Be Continued in the Next Stage...!!

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Thank you so much for picking up Volume Three of the manga version of Accel World!

The anime started in April, and the acceleration and heat is so much, it gives you goose bumps, right? I totally want to throw myself into this and keep drawing the rest. I hope you'll keep cheering me on!

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IT SEEMS SOON, BUT IT'S
ALREADY BEEN TWO AND A
HALF YEARS SINCE THE START
OF THE SERIALIZATION OF THE
MANGA VERSION OF ACCEL WORLD.
THE HARU, KUROYUKIHIME, AND
THEIR FRIENDS THAT AIGAMO-SAN
DRAWS ARE REALLY ALIVE, AND I
LOOK FORWARD TO READING EACH
INSTALLMENT AS A READER MYSELF.

AQUA CURRENT AND THE RED
KING NIKO, WHO BOTH APPEAR
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THIS
VOLUME, ARE SO CUTE IN REAL
LIFE, WHILE THEIR AVATARS ARE
SO COOL; I GOT PRETTY EXCITED
WHILE I WAS READING.

THERE'S STILL A LOT MORE TO
GET TO IN THE ORIGINAL STORY
(LOL), SO I'M HOPING WITH ALL
MY HEART THAT THE MANGA CAN
ALSO GO ON FOREVER.
THANK YOU SO MUCH
ONCE AGAIN!



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☆Congratulations!
Niko is seriously too cute!!

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AKIYORU

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VOLUME THREE!

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